

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3245 - SB 3233

March 5, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes law enforcement officers to take truant children into custody. Current law provides that a law enforcement officer may take a child into custody if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the child is a neglected, dependent or abused child or the child has run away from the child's parents, guardian or other custodian. The bill also changes obsolete language referring to the Department of Human Services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000*

Assumes a substantial increase in the number of children taken into custody and referred to juvenile court to determine disposition.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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